

Stamford School Readiness Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 12, 2012
9:00 a.m.
Abilis, 1150 Summer Street, 2nd Floor

Council Members Present:

Behm, Tricia	Stamford Public Schools
Brennan, Karen	United Way of Western CT
Burke, Jennienne Peoples	Care to Care (Family Centers)
Cook, Lucia	Literacy Volunteers—Stamford/Greenwich
D’Luc, Imelda	Childcare Learning Centers
Feder, Karen	Abilis
Garcia, Maritza	Adult Learning Center
Hallisey, Jennifer	United Way of Western CT
Malloy, Pat	Stamford Public Schools
McAdoo, Sharon	Stamford Public Schools
Mullett, Alisha	SoundWaters
Rauh, Polly	Board of Education
Sabia, Michele	Stamford Public Schools
Sandahl, Margo	Stamford Public Schools
Schreiner, Debby	Stamford Public Schools
Walker, Dori	Stamford Public Schools

Advisors:

Ahuja, Sonja	William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund/ICOR Corp.
Katz, Gerry	Grants Department, City of Stamford
Sargent, Carol	William Pitt Child Development Center
Tarantino, Sherry	Sacred Heart School

Guests:

Swan, Ellen	Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance
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I. Welcome & Introductions

Jennifer Hallisey, interim chair, welcomed everyone and thanked Abilis for hosting today’s meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes from June 2012 Meeting

The Council unanimously approved the minutes from the June meeting.

III. Announcements

- Care to Care will be running CPR trainings in September.

IV. New Business

- Gerry Katz gave a brief update on the School Readiness Liaison position. To date, 32 applications have been received. A small group from Human Resources and the Grants office are working to create a smaller list of people to be interviewed. Council members will be asked to assist with interviewing.
- Plans are well underway for the October 9/10 Powerful Interactions conference at UConn Stamford. Facilitators are needed to lead table discussions each day. Our thanks to those who have volunteered.
- The Executive Committee is hopeful that the School Readiness Foundation will provide the necessary match we need for our Discovery work. We are waiting to hear on a possible meeting date.
- We will be convening the Early Childhood Fair Committee in October to brainstorm alternate locations and dates for the Fair. Possible ideas suggested by Council members include Mill River Park and Chelsea Piers. Part of what the group needs to decide is who the target audience is for the Fair.
- Jennifer introduced the Little Read project, where a community comes together to read a children's book. The United Way has a small amount of money and could support this program during the Week of the Young Child.
- Michele has connected with the Junior League of Stamford-Norwalk and they will be providing volunteers for the October 9/10 conference. In addition, they are interested in possibly collaborating with us on longer term projects such as the Play and Learn Nights or parent outreach. Michele will be presenting to them in October and we will share more as we know it.

V. Old Business

- There was no old business.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17
at the Board of Education, City of Stamford, 888 Washington Boulevard, 6th Floor**